CHAPTER NO. 956

HOUSE BILL NO. 3536

By Representatives Overbey, Strader, Eldridge

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3361

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-204, relative to the practice of medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

- (a) There is hereby created a special joint study committee to study issues relating to covenants not-to-compete involving physicians and other health care professionals.
- (b) The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.
- (c) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.
- (d) All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.
- (e) The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.
- (f) The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than January 15, 2007, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 2006

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of June 2006

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR